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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO UB SECRET PAYMENT TO HONDURAS

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1. UNITED BRANDS (UB) PAYMENT AND RELATED STORIES STILL FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN PANAMANIAN PAPERS, APPEARING ON FRONT PAGES OF ALL APR 10 AFTERNOON AND APR 11 MORNING PAPERS EXCEPT "CRITICA", WHICH HAD LEAD IN EARLIER COVERAGE. EDITORIALS CRITICAL OF EXCESSIVE POWER OF MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES SUCH AS UB APPEAR IN GOP-CONTROLLED "CRITICA" AND "MATUTINO". COLUMNIST LUIS RESTREPO IN LATTER PAPER CONTENTS THAT CORRUPTION SPAWNED BY UB OVER THE YEARS HAS ALSO AFFECTED HIGH GOVERNMENTAL AND FINANCIAL CIRCLES OF ITS NATIVE LAND, WHERE COMPANY EXECUTIVES OCCUPIED KEY POSITIONS IN US GOVERNMENT AND WERE ABLE TO SEND MARINES ON MISSIONS OF "PACIFICATION, IMPOSITION OF ORDER, DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY" AS EXCUSE TO PROTECT BANANA COMPANIES.

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2. APR 10 AFTERNOON EDITION OF GOP-CONTROLLED "PANAMA-

AMERICA" DEVOTES ENTIRE FIRST PAGE TO REVELATION, INCLUDING
ATTEMPT TO RELATE IT TO STORY WHICH SURFACED LAST SUMMER THAT
PLOT TO ASSASINATE GENERAL TORRIJOS WAS BEING FINANCED BY
STANDARD FRUIT (INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED BY PAPER AS SUBSIDIARY
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